
VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

**EDMONTON VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, May 13, 2009

1:30 p.m.

HERITAGE ROOM, Main Floor, City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of April 8, 2009 Minutes
4. Public Involvement

At this time, Commission to hear from those who wish to address the Commission on any topic.

Each speaker will have one opportunity to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes.

5. Reports from Committees

a. Executive Committee

H. Naboulsi

Summary;

- April 19 Co-op Experienced Driver Seminar
- Update on 2008 Year End Service Deliverable Review

b. Operational & Program Committee

L. Lubin

Summary:

- Update on April 20th Presentation to Community Services on Potential for Emission Reduction.
- April 20th direction from Community Services Committee to the Commission for further report on Emission Reduction;
 - Measures to reduce carbon emissions
 - Vehicle emission reduction targets
 - Create vehicle age restrictions
 - Direct brokers to have a given percentage of hybrids on their fleet
 - Create incentive options for owner/operators to place hybrids into service

c. Safety -

R. Clarke

Summary

- Update on Safety Shield proposal from the Yellow Cab Group.

d. Driver Training

C. Khehra

Summary;

- The Committee has completed its Standardization and DDC content duplication review. Copies of the report will be available at the Commission meeting on May 13, 2009. Should you wish to comment on the report, please forward your comments in writing to Shar Weller, or present them at the next public involvement meeting.

Major recommendations:

1. The Committee supports both the standardization and the elimination of any content duplication, unless such duplication is necessary for driver and public safety, and overall consumer protection.
2. Consider adopting the City of Toronto driver training and testing model.
3. Should it not be possible to adopt the City of Toronto model because of financial or administrative reasons, the Vehicle for Hire Commission should prescribe the curriculum, delivery methods, testing, reference materials, etc.
4. To maintain the credibility of testing the test be administered by a third party – an educational institution or the Commission Administration.
5. Require that all drivers take a refresher course (Advanced Driver Training Course) after every four years. Drivers passing a written test should be exempted from taking the course.
6. A mandatory minimum period of one month be required before an applicant is allowed to re-take tests.
7. Regularly monitor customer satisfaction and update the training and testing programs as required.
8. Stagger the Defensive Driver and the Advanced Driver Training courses so that the drivers take them at different times.

The Committee will be conducting similar driver training and testing reviews for the Limousine and Shuttle sectors.

6. Administrative Matters

a. Licencing

P. Fearon

- Alternatives for Broker Compliance to Commission requests for information.
- April, 2009 Service Deliverable Report
- Vehicle For Hire Commission Expense/Revenue Data
- Vehicle For Hire Commission Budget "Net Position"

b. Bylaw Issues

P. Fearon

Summary;

- Bylaw amendment regarding \$3.00 surcharge
- Bylaw amendment regarding 200 day operation for 2010 renewal

c. Enforcement

- Current Status
- Standard Operating Practices

7. New Business

a. 2010 Budget

Commission Plan of Action;

b. Correspondence dated April 20, 2009 to Hatem Naboulsi, Chairman, Vehicle For Hire Commission from Mayor Stephen Mandel regarding 'Security Clearance Checks'.

Commission Plan of Action;

c. Correspondence dated April 30, 2009 to Hatem Naboulsi, Chairman, Vehicle For Hire Commission from Phil Strong, President, Prestige Transportation Ltd. regarding "Sub-Vehicle Procedure for Limousine Owners'.

Commission Plan of Action;

d. TLPA 2009 Convention October 4 – 7, 2009 – Las Vegas

Commission Plan of Action;

- e. July Public Involvement Session
 - Key Topics;
 - Emission Reduction Strategies
- 8. General Correspondence
 - a. Calgary Herald News Article dated April 21st, 2009 entitled 'Cabbies seeing fewer customers as recession puts crimp on travel; Drivers wait longer for fares, working more hours'.
 - b. May 5 Edmonton Journal article regarding safety shields
- 9. In-Camera Items
- 10. Adjournment

The next regular Vehicle For Hire Commission meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, Wednesday, June 10, 2009.